

Governor Carney Releases Second Annual Report of Government Efficiency and Accountability Review (GEAR) Board

Board presents recommendations across focus areas to improve efficiency and accountability in state government

WILMINGTON, Del. – Governor John Carney on Thursday released the [second annual report](#) of the Government Efficiency and Accountability Review (GEAR) Board. Governor Carney [established GEAR](#) by Executive Order in February 2017 to identify ways for state government to operate more efficiently, improve the delivery of state services, and save costs over the long term.

By December 1 of each year, the Board must submit a report to the Governor that provides recommendations for possible inclusion in the upcoming recommended state budget. Governor Carney will present his Fiscal Year 2020 budget proposal on January 24, 2019 at the Delaware Public Archives in Dover.

“Since taking office I have talked to Delawareans about our commitment to operating state government more efficiently, and identifying cost savings so we can direct resources where they are most needed,” said Governor Carney. “We remain committed to improving the way we deliver state services, and spending taxpayer dollars responsibly. That’s what Delawareans expect. Thank you to members of GEAR for their important work on this report.”

Members of the GEAR Board presented Governor Carney with a series of recommendations for efficiency initiatives to be implemented across a number of focus areas – including criminal justice, education, financial services, health and social services, human resources, information technology, and public private partnerships. Among these recommended efficiency initiatives are activities that state government agencies can undertake to improve the quality of services, lower the cost of agency operations, and create new methods for improving the recruitment, development, and retention of State employees.

Read the [2018 annual report](#) for full details.

*“GEAR seeks to make specific recommendations that will increase the efficiency of state government, improve the state’s strategic planning process, further institute the use of metrics in resource allocation decisions, and develop sustainable continuous improvement practices,” said **James Myran, Executive Director of GEAR, and Bryan Sullivan, Director of Management Efficiency at the Delaware Office of Management and Budget.** “We’re working to create the process effectiveness and transparency that Delaware citizens expect from their government.”*

Visit GEAR’s [website](#) for more information, and to [submit an idea](#) for improving the way state government operates.

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